RECTED.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

of 1884] that John Y. McKane, the

As a matter of fact, as will appear by

vote returned for Cleveland was 667,

that for Blaine 295 and that for Butler

the entire population it would be con

pears that the total vote was 963, or les

returned was entirely formal. Not only

eliminate the plurality given Cleveland

he would still have carried the State of

attention to this for the purpose of

any wrong and injurious impression

people to believe that the result of the

With That of Yestervear.

To THE ENTOR OF THE SUN-Sir: A

ording to THE SUN Dr. Charles A

Lusitania incident, said in his germon;

If it took too cultion men and if a

women and babies shall be murdered or

the high seas." Then we would have been Americans - Americans with honor.

If Dr. Eaton really did make use of

such a tirade I do not wonder that the

attendance at churches has fallen off.

I am not an admirer of President Wilson

or his policies, but it seems to me such

language, spoken by a reputable min

ister, is little short of sacrilege. What

text from the Rible and let politics

we need from our daily newspapers and

from men who are better able to write

How few successors have we to the

Rev. Dr. John Hall of the Fifth Avenue

the Church on the Heights, who baptized

me, and his worthy successor, the Rev.

I remember a sermon preached by

Dr. Eddy when I was quite a young

man, and to a church so crowded many

water all around you." It seems the ship

had reached the mouth of the Amazon

as his was a wonderful carrying voice.

I would also mention the Rev. Dr.

When a bad piece is put on th

preached by Dr. Eaton from his pulpit

Air Pipe Line.

Kaiser for inflating his Zeppelins.

Impossible of Decision

To THE EDITOR OF THE SEN-Sie: There

is a young man who comes to my home and it seems as though he never speaks the truth. I have often thought that a liar is worse than a thief. Will you please give me your opinion in regard to this?

The Urgent Need of a Georgia Town.

From the Boinbridge Post Searchlight.

row and march through town with bis

bread, we want a circus with a big ele-

TRADE BRIEFS.

aised in large numbers in southern China

started a plane factory. This may result in a demand for American plane parts and

American hardware is in demand in

The birds are used for food, particular

banners inscribed there, "We don't wa

city ordinances.

is very inadequate.

The first thing anybody knows we are

By so doing you will greatly oblige me. Athant, November 15. Q

NEW YORK, November 15.

ADRIAN G. HEGEMAN.

R. E. Ason.

prove it by the crowded theatres.

NEW YORK, November 15.

good purpose would be accomplished by

such measures?

Dr. Zachariah Eddy

merely pointing out inaccuracies

Washington.

than one-fifth of the population, the vote

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1916.

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If our friends who favor us with manu

Where Mr. Gompers Is Right but Inconsistent.

The principal fight at the conven tion of the American Federation of Labor is expected to be upon the question of the methods to be followed in securing the extension of the eight hour day to all industries. The president of the federation, SAMUEL COMPERS, believes that the eight hour day should be enacted by law only in the cases of women, children and Government employees. Other workers should carry on the battle through their trade unions solely, he says.

The Socialist element in the federa tion prefers political to industrial ac tion. It would have everybody every where seek the eight hour day by legislation.

Mr. Gompers was consistent in this regard when the Adamson law was efore Congress for enactment. He then told a committee of the Senate that this law was "going the wrong way to secure a right result."

Much that Mr. Gompens advocates seems to THE SUN seriously mistaken, but in this matter of keeping labor unionism out of politics we believe wrong. What a shame it is that his sistency, so admirably exemplified In his declaration regarding the Adam son law, did not induce him to use his powerful influence to keep the Labor Federation out of partisan polities in the campaign just ended!

Prohibition's Fearful Impost. Things were looking bad for Joun

BARLEYCORN. Four or more States went dry a the recent election.

HENRY FORD put forward a plan to turn the breweries into fuel stills. The Mayor of New York was urged

Way on New Year's eve.

The Mayor of Chicago declared that on the night of December 31 there should be one hour of drinking

ore the inauguration until the Tuesday after.

prohibition.

Free silver, anti-expansion, Govern ment ownership! Will prohibition be an Issue as triumphant under BEYAN as his previous pets?

Dr. Eaton's Strong Words.

It is not necessary to recall that the Rev. Dr. CHARLES A. EATON IS I his pulpit one of THE SUN'S correspondents takes him to task this than thousands of men born in the ten. He put in vigorous phrases tives in Congress: thoughts that no attempt to attain official neutrality can stiffe.

Nor is it plain that Dr. EATON should be censured for his beliefs or his methods of proclaiming them. To whole number of Senators and Reprealm, as to hosts of others, the course that should have been followed by the United States seems plain. The fallure to pursue it appears to them not as an example of political inexpediency, of shortsighted statesmanship, but as an immoral, unchristian and indefensible default in the per-States is spiritually unfit either through cowardice or blindness. Obviously a preacher holding these opinand of compelling force.

ers of an earlier generation shirked ington. As to the qualifications of discussion from their pulpits of voters for Presidential Electors, that worldly affairs; for example, did not matter is absolutely within the power HENRY WARD BEECHER sell a slave of the States. The Legislature of any girl in his church to bring home with State can say who shall choose its crushing emphasis to his great fol- Electors of the President and Vicelowing the reality of a terrible moral President. No Federal legislation is and political vice in the struggle to required in order to qualify women

suppress which he was enlisted? Dr. EATON'S critic reminds us of eral as well as State officers. several of the great and good men

ity? Were they all at all times teenth Amendment, as follows: impassive and unresponsive to those

have undertaken? It is not within our recollection that such was the case. We remember them as virile, bold men, whose sympathies were easily aroused, whose strength was gladly expended for what they conceived to be good of humanity, and who established a precedent of public service that Dr. EATON in his passionate appeal has not violated. As to the soundness of his conclusions, every man may pass judgment, but as to the propriety of his expressing them, there seems to us to be no question.

Wireless: the Present Stage.

Yesterday wireless communication vas opened between Japan and the United States. The formal exchange of greetings between President Witson and the Mikado came twenty years after Marconi quitted an unmindful Italy and went to England, where his experiments were received with interest and favor. In two decades of years the wireless has girdled the earth.

The triumphs of the wireless are of nearly all of us. We have seen it the establishment by the desert peosave lives at sea while the world ple of southwestern Asia of a septhrilled with the impulse to rescue, arate nation after centuries of Turk-We now see it enable Germany and Austria to speak freely to us, though ringed about with enemies. Have the possibilities of the wireless been exnausted in twenty years?

Not if the efforts to improve it sucreed. There are many problems of from the difficulties due to atmospheric and other physical conditions, it is desirable to work out methods by which communication between two stations can be freed from the interruptions of other stations. Greater at present, however, is the attempt to orient wireless messages. If some scheme can be hit upon by which may be found the precise direction from be is right and his opponents dead which a message comes the wireless will make it possible to dispense with half our lighthouses and half our coast guard stations.

The Rights of Women in Federal Elections in Suffrage States.

The questions asked by the two cordifferent forms, by several other renders of THE SUN :

morning entitled 'The Direct Vote for toration of the Caliphate to Mecca. President' I am led to inquire by what to batten down the lid of the White legal right the women voters of the It was announced that, under the it would seem that the women's voting fixing them as the Arabs themselves. eral laps shead of woman suffrage in Jones-Works law, Washington saloons privilege should be limited to the ballot. To detach Arabia from its shadowy must be closed from the Saturday be- concerning the offices within the respec-

Just as Barleycorn was counting woman vote in California decided the England's political programme in the himself out rescue arrived. William Presidential issue this year, and I am Near East. JERNINGS BRYAN announced yesterday desirous of learning definitely whether that for the next four years be will or not the women in that and other for a restored Armenia on the north devote himself to making the Demo- suffrage States were within their legal and the British for a revival of ancratic party the advocate of national rights in casting ballots for President cient Arabia in the south the hold of of the United States.

"I. B. JENNINGS. "NEWARK, N. J., November 14."

"To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: My husband says that women's votes for the conclusion of her day's work it President in the West are unconstitu- was found to have registered eight tional, as the Constitution provides that the President shall be elected by males hardships of restaurant life. Canadian by birth to account for the over 21 years of age. If so, why were strong language for using which in they allowed to vote? Mrs. E. K. L. "Avon, N. J., November 15."

The answer to the first inquirer. morning. Dr. Earon said no more Mr. Jennings, is that the Constitution of the United States gives to the United States have said. He ex- States the power to prescribe the qualpressed a conviction that is shared ifications of voters for Federal office by multitudes of those whose ances as well as for State office. This power fors came here so long ago that the extends not only to the Presidential fact they were immigrants is forgot- Electors but also to the Representa-

manner as the Legislature thereof may of being fed? direct, a number of Electors equal to the sentatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress."-Article II. Section 1.

be composed of Members chosen every second year by the People of the several able man embraces it for his country's States and the Electors in each State branch of the State Legislature."-Ar- mire of his work. The fame of the ticle 1., Section 2.

Therefore when a State extends to ions would be untrue to his mission if women the right to vote for members he did not give tongue to them: his of its Assembly, woman suffrage is obligation is personal and professional, automatically extended in that State to the election of members of the Moreover, it is not true that preach- House of Representatives at Washin a suffrage State to vote for Fed-

The husband of our correspondent who preceded Dr. Eaton and his writing the second letter printed contemporaries in ministering to the above is misinformed concerning the most fecund creator of fictional spies, spiritual wants of New York. They provisions of the United States Con- made nearly all of them villains, and,

make an impressive showing as they provide that persons voting for Presi- their own black bags of dynamite in are marshalled in the corridors of dent shall be "males over 21 years of the Soho restaurants where they were nemory. But did all of them abstain age." The word "male" occurs only ostensibly head waiters. As they were from the application to pressing civic thrice in the Constitution, and all not English spies, this was not martyrproblems of their power and author- three instances are found in the Four- dom but retribution, for a spy has two

"But when the right to vote at any elecmovements and menaces that, while tion for the choice of electors for Presinot originating in religion, inevitably dent and Vice-President of the United reacted upon Christianity and the States, Representatives in Congress, the work its propagandists and defenders Executive and judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citi- in the Tower this morning," some zens twenty-one years of age in such State."

Our esteemed correspondent and her husband will see that whatever may be the bearing of the use of the word "male" in this one place in the Constitution upon the question of reducing the basis of representation in nied or abridged, it clearly does not prevent a State from according to its shall be performed, in so far as the female citizens the right to vote indirectly for President or directly for New Year's night. This decision members of the House.

The Kingdom of Arabia.

Another prospective new State that o recent as to be within the memory dom of Arabia. An earlier report of ish rule is confirmed by despatches received at the State Department.

The revolt of the tribesmen under the Shereef of Mecca, which began in June, has grown to greater proportions than the Young Turks had expected. The urgent demand for troops interference yet to be solved. Aside at other parts of the Ottoman Empire left the defence of Arabian towns entirely to small local garrisons. The Shereef's troops occupied Mecca, then law be broken. the two Red Sea ports of Jiddah and Perhaps this is one reason why the Yambo, and finally gained possession of the defences of Medina and the speed in transmitting messages will southern terminus of the Hedjaz railbe sought. The most interesting field way. Through these successes they were in practical control of the en- ter and capitalist, will hold over. Aftire country.

At the beginning of the war the Ottoman Government had no reason who will rush to wassail with the to have much faith in the allegiance standard abandon? On Monday night of the Arabs. Its power was merely the year is not ending, but rather nominal over the interior tribesmen well on its way, and for years it had lost men and the Turks and had stendfastly refused cates of all the nights involved, will to accept the Sultan us the head of celebrate thrice. espondents whose letters are sub- Islam. Backed by the support of oined have also been put to us, in Great Britain they saw in the war an opportunity to throw off a governmental control they hated, to reassert "To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Af- their guardianship of the sucred Moter reading your editorial article this hammedan cities and to seek the res-

The victorious Shereef of Mecca has proclaimed himself King of the new suffrage States are permitted to vote for State. The boundaries of the prothe President or other officers of the posed kingdom are not defined; but United States Government. Without in case of the Allies' success Great Federal legislation covering the point Britain may have as much to do with allegiance to the Ottoman Empire and to bring it within the sphere of Brit-"Several newspapers claim that the ish influence has long been a part of has been necessary to enlarge the seat- sighting another versel close by the

> With the Russians standing sponse the Turks is becoming as insecure in Asia as it is in Europe.

Watchful Waltering.

A waitress wore a pedometer. At miles. This is cited as proof of the

These hardships might be thought to be self-evident. Restaurant patrons wear watches. At the conclusion of the waitress's journeys these watches frequently record a lapse of time sufficient to enable a person to have walked at least one mile. Eight to rank with the English sparrow. It customers may have accounted for the pedometer's showing.

Walking, if undertaken briskly, is healthful exercise, but why do the brisk and beautiful waitresses insist on the practice of pedestrianism while "Each State shall appoint, in such men sit long and patiently in the hope

The Unredee med Spy.

It is one of the requirements of pub-He morality that a spy, to become also a hero, must suffer. His occupation is in itself so revolting that a com-"The House of Representatives shall mander may not compel a soldier to spy; so revolting that when an honorsake he dooms himself in the event of formance of duty, to be accounted for shall have the Qualifications regulate his failure, although by that very only on the ground that the United for Electors of the most numerous doom he raises himself high above the spy rests on the price he pays. If the young man whose statue is in front of the City Hall had escaped, who would remember NATHAN HALE? If ANDRE had not been intercepted, would be be so kindly thought of as he is, if he

were thought of at all? In fiction and drama, as well as in history, the spy has to bleed, physically or mentally, before the onlooker forgives him. In "Secret Service" Mr. GILLETTE Was regarded with suspicion by the audience-until he caused his brother to shoot him. In spy plays born of the present war the spy heroes are misjudged and maligned, seerned by heroine and sneered at by soubrette, until the third act. Their souls, if not their bodies, are on the rack. Mr. OPPENHEIM, the and those who labored with them stitution. That instrument does not if memory serves, blew them up with

sides and one is black. In real life spies are interesting be cause almost all of those we know are the ones that are caught and killed. Those who have the most wonderful adventures are never heard of, it is likely. They are the successful, inglorious spies, fated not to hear the hour at which they shall be shot. Half a dozen men know that they are doing which was about 5,000." their work. Until the enemy discovers them to be villains they cannot be all the almanacs of the following year heroes, even to their families. as well as by the official records, the

There is sympathy for the spy who plays out the string according to the rules. Even to the unnamed, "shot of the population of Gravesend, 5,000, is feeling of pity extends. But the antics of the purely commercial creatures bring thumbs and forefingers to offended noses.

A Belated New Year's Eve.

The Hotel Association, thoughtful guide of many public customs and States where the right to vote is de. observances, has decided that the joyful ceremonies of New Year's eve New York by over 700. We do not call better inns are concerned, on Monday, doubtless has been reached after full that may have been derived by the consideration of dryness and decorum, reader. Such a misstatement leads the dollars and dawns.

The last time that New Year's eve fell on a Sunday and was then celethe war has developed is the King- brated it was, to the best of our recollection, a dull evening along Broadway. People have come to be happy on Sunday, but it is not yet a day for rollicking. So the bubbles stayed in the bottom of the glass and most persons went home early and somewhat unsatisfied. Not much money was spent.

Saturday night in itself is better for a New Year celebration, but Saturday night has a trick of turning too soon into Sunday and appeals Pulpit Oratory of To-day Contrasted have been made to the Mayor lest the

hotel men have turned to Monday night. Possibly Broadway will have a loud and profitable time, but we doubt whether the spirit of all, cotter a quiet Sunday and thoughtful Monday, with a busy Tuesday ahead,

For all that, New York has a trick treasures in an unsuccessful attempt of accustoming itself to the illogical, to suppress rebellions in Yemen. The and we shall see. Some of our hardier Arabs had always resented the rule of citizens, wishing to please the advo-

It is high time for Uncle Sam to be graduated from the electoral college.

Will future historians write: "And it came to pass early in the twentieth tors, as they have been trained for it. century that the American experiment in democratic government by lapsed and was replaced by the rule of when I was a young man! I refer to the an aristocracy composed of 400,000 skilled workingmen who reigned des-potically over more than 100,000,000 them; the Rev. Dr. George Bethune of withstanding our teeming and wondersubject people.

Prohibition seems to be running sev-

Educators in all parts of the coun- could not obtain seats. He told of a ry are impressed by the fact that it ship that had lost its bearings ing capacity of the Yale Bowl. The light | mariners cried out . that emanates from a great university we perish?" Those on the other ship can have wide reaching cultural ef- called back: "Dp down, there is fresh fects if you put a kick in it

When Fighting Bos meets Happy River, where the water is fresh, but the HIRAM on the floor of the Senate will mariners were not aware of this. Dr. they wink at each other?

The United States Consul at Guatemala City informs us that four ma- ranter. rimbas are on the way to this country and that if we like them we shall Richard Storrs of the Church of the have more. He adds that the marimba pitgrim and what an orator he was and is "a sweet toned musical instrument what a pleasure to listen to him. said to have been invented by the Tecamates, a tribe of Indians of the real successors.
State of Chiapas, Mexico." But the When a bad Consul is late with his introduction; theatrical stage the managers assert

we already know the marimba. The musical innovation that had preceded it was the Honolulu ukelele. our people demand such sermons as was This dispenser of soulful melodies, no doubt, served a good purpose on the last Sunday morning? I cannot believe Pacific islands whence it came; but they do as played in this country it has come was conceived that the marimba might Obvious Economy in the Proposed Hot come as an antidote to the Hawaiian innovation, might bite it and kill it off. In this respect the marimba is a disappointment. The fight is still on, though, and

there is hope. "Nobody wants Hughes-but the

People."-- George HARVEY.

Hair. Hair rules the world! The movie star Chose noddle was uncuried Would find a bar To fame. No wild acclaim

Your matines idel Were he unwavy locked Then might be unbridie Till all the welkin rocked

with no result. The cult That breathless goes To hear arpeggio Fan crystal clear From finger tipe. Coordinated with a mep topped brain. Would melt, evanish, missie, Were maestros bald. They'd fizzie,

For no Jane Wastes time on thatchless domes Of learning lodge therein unbrutted-Although 'tie true With Samson hald and blue Delliah was hirsuted. Hair rules us—hair! So I declare Each night's the thesis proved

Who would feel moved To woo the drowsy god-Who, who could nod Maugre mandragora Perfecto seek as best Were his bed spring divest Of that we mattress call?

Self-Interest and Human Feeling Re The False Charge That John Y. Mc-

peat Their Annual Appeal. Kane Elected Cleveland by Fraud. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: "Do your Christmas shopping early!" is a slogan for which we hope there will The New York Times on the 9th of this month published the following soon be no need. But this year there statement: "It was at this election [that

still is need. To the shopping public must b brought home their power to increase or lighten the burden of shop and facticket a plurality in Gravesend that exceeded by 2,000 the total number of men, women and children in the choice of shopping late or early. Much has almen, women and children in the choice of shopping late or early. Much has almen, women and children in the children in the choice of shopping late or early. many workers from having a merry Christmas but often permanently breaks down their health, has been lightened gether. But Christmas still finds thousands of workers worn out in body and spirit through the thoughtlessness of a

1, a total of 963. The Times's estimate procrastinating public. substantially correct. Of course if in a the spirit of Christmas means not only territory of 5.000 inhabitants, or in fact friendly giving but thoughtfulness and of any number of inhabitants, a vote consideration for the workers who sup had been returned greater than that of ply their gifts. HANNAH ANDREWS, New York, November 15. clusive evidence of fraud; but as it ap-

OUR MEN AT THE BORDER. Another Guardsman Tells of Favor-

able but False Reports. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The letter of H. G. Northrup in THE SUN. sent from McAllen, was read with interest by myself and many others in the into by our contemporary but to correct Engineers who have now been mustered er's keyboard is that humble camel the out of the Federal service and have en- dictionary. Style, being concerned with joyed being home from the border for the process of movement, has nothing almost three weeks now.

election was obtained by fraud, and the injury done by that belief can hardly be As Mr. Josh Billings said: "It is better to know a few things right than .This utterly unfounded story has part of those who have already returned Quincey here occur to the memory been so widely circulated and so genor will return from border service to Men change; mankind never. erally believed that it demands denial acquaint the people with conditions will and correction. Grover Cleveland's lead to a speedy remedy.

title to the Presidency was as un-It is true that there have been great tainted by fraud as that of George strides made in the efficiency of camp Stevenson's nobilization, as far as I can ascertain, POLITICS IN THE CHURCH. ared for the decent feeding and housrather imaginative favorable reports of Eaton of the Madison Avenue Baptist for their own credit than for the actual pure speculation often goes sadly own selfishness are not acquainted with speech put back a hundred years we ought to their command's requirements. Here's hoping that Northrup

man's recognition again. H. Bot GREISEN orporal Company A, Twenty-second New York Engineers.

BROOKLYN, November 15. ARE WE POORLY FED? A Theory to Account for the Sad

Faces Seen in Restaurants. TO THE EMITOR OF THE SUN_SEC. 10 you go into any of our big popular! restaurants and watch the eaters you exhibits the "glue of unanimity," as alone? Surely we can get all the politics will observe that in general their exis either bored or sad. It is evident that they are not enjoying their meal. The reason is, I have concluded, sadly overcometh all things," which that the food is insipid. If a savory repast were set before them you would grand old pulpit orators of the days see how their countenances would light like Stevenson's prose, it up and what an air of contentment

ful productiveness, we are becoming one the worst fed nations in the world Why? Simply because of cold storage. It is high time to take drastic measures against its abuse.

FRIENDS OF JONAH. One Requests, and Another Supplies, an English Version.

student song about Jonah and his whale, life, the pacemaker of style. There style, so called. Abraham ! Eddy acclaimed this in loud accents, and I have so neglected my German of late, that it would be a work of charity the voice of an orator and not that of a for "O. D. W." to render it into English; and then we should all know what a schwarzen is and what happened to it. I hope this is not asking too much. It could easily be written in vers libre. which is so much less trouble than the old fashioned method.

Cott strafe all planiarists. H. J. S. that the public demands such plays, and NEW YORK, November 15.

C. G. Leland's Muse at Askalon.

author of the German student song them); to Shakespeare, Jeremy Tay- shorts are the material of feet printed in THE SUN on Tuesday was for Sir Thomas Browne, Walter Ra- personal prose should go to a Joseph Victor Scheffel, born in 1826, leigh, Milton, De Quincey, Ruskin, its own, Charles Godfrey Leland made an Eng- Swinburne, Cardinal Newman, Pater mended to the monumental w lish version of the song.

TO THE POITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: Why says: "The clock struck half past four," run that hot air pipe line all the way but that is an hour later than "halb after. to South America? Wait until Congress | vier." meets again and it will only be necesnortant. sary to go to Washington with it. This BROOKLYN, November 15.

source of supply would be more than ample for all needs, and we would prob-Very Like a Whale. ably have plenty left to export to the In the Black Whale fun at Askalon A man in three days stay

Swilled booze till stiff as broomstick he in the Black Whale inn at Askalon Up spake the host straightway: "He's swallowed of my Bactrian

Beyond his means to pay

In the Black Whale tan at Askalon Six sun dried bricks did nit

in the Black Whale inn at Askalon Then erfed that guest: "Na: My ready cash all disappeared in the Lamb at Nineveh." in the Black Whale inn at Askalon

When threw the slave from Nubian The gurst from out the door n the Black Whale inn at Askalen No prophet is admired;

Then struck the clock half fou

And who as stranger enters there

The National Hotel Disease. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE

t the Chinese New Year festival season, argo quantities of the feathers are sold a the American market. was much interested to see in to-day's an Mr. Henry E. Davis's letter about Plumbing supplies are needed in France A system of fire hydrants is to be in-stalled in the city of Harbahoya, Ecuador, At present the city's fire fighting apparatus the National Hotel disease. wice heard my father, the late Horace White, tell the story, attributing the trouble, as does Mr. Davis, to dead rats There is a market in Venezuela for MARTHA R. WHITE. in the tank. barbed wire, buttons, dynamos, hardware NEW YORK, November 15. and lard.

A firm in Newmarket, Auckland, has

Mary's Horse and Mary's Car. Mary had a little horse, She showed it at the show But everywhere that Mary went

SERIOUS ERROR COR. ONCE MORE, SHOP EARLY! A NOTE ON "STYLE" IN THE CREA. TION OF ENGLISH PROSE.

Mr. Huneker Discusses That Quality in Composition Which, Unmistake ably Recognizable. Is Undefinable.

sons. They write nonsense and escape the castigation of prudish pedants; or, dealing with cryptic subjects, they may win the favor of the unthinking; witness, in the brain carpentry of metaphysics, the verbal manouvres of and then fall down and worship, for three such lucid though disparate thinkers as Schopenhauer, Nietzschu and William James. The names of evidence that it is not necessary to be foggy of atyle even when deal-And Gering with abstract ideas. many has long been the Nibelheim of philosophy; need we mention Hegel, whose commentators have made his meanings thrice confounded? Style in literature is an antiseptic. It may embalm foolish flies in its amber. and it is a brevet of immortalitythat is, as immortality goes; a brief thing, but a man's boast. When the shoeblack part of the affair is over and done with, the grammar, which was made for schoolmarms in male garb, and the shining rhetoric, what remains? The answer is eternal: First Battalion of the Twenty-second is direct, plain and simple. The writ-You can assure yourself and your And an impertinent collusion on the readers that the different points covered part of the writer with his own indiby my comrade were all void of exag- viduality does not always constitute seration and present the facts in each style; for individual opinion is virtuinstance. It is the earnest hope of all ally private opinion, notwithstanding of our boys that such a presentation of its appearance in editions half a hunacts together with a little effort on the dred long; Sainte-Beuve and De

Too close imitation of the masters has its dangers for the novice. Apes and peacocks beset the way. prose style is highly onditions since the Spanish-American synthesized and a mosaic of dead but there is still a good deal to be de- message beyond the expression of his spritelike, whimsical personality, and ing conditions of the boys when in such this expression is in the main conrvice as at present to bring it up to summate. The lion in his pathway the regular army standard. Too much is the thinness of his intellectual infidence, I believe, is placed in the processes; as in De Quincey's case, a master of the English language beofficers who make these reports more yourd compare, who in the region of value at which they may be used for limping; his criticism of Kant proves future guidance and who through their it. But a music maker in our written superior to Ruskin and not enter into the idea like more than one degree below the archangel of prose, John Milton, Robert oon return and be able to get a white Louis Stevenson is the supreme mock. of prose are still to make ing bird in English literature. He overplayed the sedulous imitator, John Jay Chapman in a brilliant essay has traced the progress of this prose pilgrim, a professional stylist as well as a professional invalid. The American ritic registers the variations in style did not always demonstrate in his writing the fundamental idea that the sole exponent of sensibility is analytic power. He drew freely on all his predecessors, and his personal charm old Boethius would say. Mr. Charman Browne, beginning "Time speech, is not to be found in his collected awakening feelings and thoughts writings. Yet it is apropos because, crucible of an alchemist, though at the time Mr. Chapman quoted it was not known to be a clever Liverpudian forgery. Since then after considermeetion has been shown as the fabrication of a Liverpool man of letters, whose name we have forgotten. But it suggests, does this false Browne, that good prose may be successfully imulated, though essentials be miss-

If style cannot be imparted, what,

then, is the next best thing to do, We should say, go in a chastened mood ter of the exquisite, pellucid, an to the nearest newspaper office and phrase, confesses to laborious deis so long since I heard the German staff. Then one will come to grips with uppermost and with no thought of by the college professor the Eternal and Bunyan. He is a writer a Sophomore about fleeing "journal, yet elevated prose, without put ese"; whereas it is in the daily press, our native literature other than it whether New York, Paris, Vienna or son. Hawthorne and Poe wrote it London, that one may find the sound- key of classic prose; while Walt W est, most succinct prose, prose stripped man's figsaw lingle is the n' of superfluous ornament, prose bare to deliquescence of prose form represents another's ideas as his own. Quintilian hath it. For the supreme follow. But the libble is the Goden harmony of English prose we must go Book of English prose. to the Bible (the Authorized, not the "All things," says Aristoile, "at Revised, the latter manufactured by termined by number," and Q "the persons called revisers," as wrote, "We cannot even specific a To the Entres or The Sun-Sic: The Gorge Saintsbury bluntly describes in longs and shorts, and and Arthur Symons. Nor are these George Saintsbury, "A History ... In the penultimate verse Mr. Leland exponents of the grand manner, of an lish Prose Rhythm." Prose in ornate style, to be servilely patterned thing else, but it must not be bad at is an hour later than "halb after. If elevation of theme is not verse, "Numerous" as to the chronology may be impresent then the peril of "fine writing" but with no hint of balance. is scarcely to be avoided. Better fol- metrical sense; without rhythm low such writers as Bacon, Bunyan, not prose at all. Professor Oliver Hobbes, Swift in preference. Or the ton has set this forth with a la Augustan group, Dryden, Addison, lucidity in his "English Prove Shaftesbury and Temple. But Dr. bers" (Oxford: Clarendon Pres-Johnson, Burke and Gibbon are not also analyzes a pane from The models for the beginner, any more than Bowl" of Herry Jonnes the orotund prose of Bossuet, the har- new beauties of phrasing and monious atterance of Chateaubriand or cadences in the prose of the the dramatic prose of Hugo are safe But Professor Saintshurt schnaps models for French students. The rich the authoritative one among continence of Flaubert, the stippled lows. Walter Pater's essent concision of Mérimée or the dry sherry is disappointing and wit of Voltaire are surer guides. And with involutious and preciosal the urbane case and flowing rhythms "On the Art of Writing." of Thackeray are preferable to the Quiller-Couch, appeared we baphometic verbal baptisms of Carlyle, Hazlitt's advice and recenthe Bonnerges.

Yet what sweet temptations are to fessor Barrett Wetelell, and a he found in the golden age of English pleasure and profit than followed prose, beginning with the evocation of later perusal of the Corner Sir Walter Raleigh, "O eloquent, just and mighty death; whom none could advise, thou hast persuaded"; surely seven arts, science, society, not far beneath the magnificent prose politics, religion, have each the of the sixtleth chapter of Isaiah in the gon. Not music craticism, to Authorized, "Arise, shine; for thy light | ball, are so painfully "hirgorn is come, and the glory of the Lord metaphysics. Jurgon is the fly risen unto thee," which is so continent of every critic mighty in rhythm that even those worthy fellow of Jesus Collected to lefullest of creatures • • ut- Arthur himself, does not a test terly ignorant of English literature, escape it. On page 23 of the Revisers of 1870-85, hardly dared gural Address" he speaks of lowto touch at all," blandly remarks Pro-fessor Saintsbury. And to balance the "ungirded" is better because famous "Now since these dead hones" obsolete, and it is more sometime of Sir Thomas, there is the tender Saxon. On page 2 we stamble a coda to Sir William Temple's "U'se of "suppeditate" and gracefully Poetry and Music," "When all is done, our teeth. After finishing the human life is at the greatest and the timid neophyte will est." Those long, sweeping phrases, lay the flattering unction to drumming with melody and cadences, that he is a born stylist, like the walls of water tumbling on sullen so many years without knowing strands, composed by the masters of He who lives by the pen shall per that "other harmony of prose," are not by the pen.

Stylists in prose are privileged per- | mere "purple panels" but music made by immortals. Consider Milton and his majestic evocation: "Methinks I see in my mind a noble and puissant nation arousing herself. eagle mewing her mighty youth . . . we are in the holy of holies. Stevenson preferred the passage, "I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue," and who shall gainsay him? And Stevenson has written a most inspiring study of the "Technical Elements of Style in Literature," to be found is the Biographical Edition. In it he calls the monotonous Macaulay "an inco parable dauber" for running the letter "k" through a paragraph, and in it h sets forth in his chastened and classic style the incluctable (Henry James revived this pretty word) perils at prose writer, he says, must keep he phrases large, rhythmical, without letting strictly metrical; harmonious ture woven into committed phroes and rounded periods. The stylist may vault nirily into the saddle of log or in the delicate reticulation of his an exemplar John Henry Newman Robert Louis Stevenson is a perfec-

tionist, and that way lies for all save a few valiant spirits. Se-Raleigh, has written a crystal clear study on style, an essay of moment because in the writing thereof he preaches not what he does not prathe footsteps of the classic tradition and that "words must change to and a word once fixed becomes the less. • • This is the error of the classical creed, to imagine that in fleeting world, where the quickest and a deed once done can never be repeated, language alone should

capable of fixity and finality." The pressionistic way: "A style which will be as rhythmic as yes as precise as the language of which will have undulations mos flashes of fire. A style a stiletto. . . . all the are tions of prosody have been made was not obsessed by the in the idea; as the melodic monic phrases of Richard were born simultaneously and in the appropriate orchestral color No wonder Stevenson proposition and sensibility of the Scotsman, who French prose a finer art than English though admitting that in the riel denser harmonies of English its nati writers find at first hand the vequality so eagerly sought for by F French is a togical languin which metre never incrude: quotes a passage supposedly from Sir lacks the overtones of our most mon with the Russlan the "n the resonance of words, which depth, and then are lost in faint verberations."

But "artistic" prose, chiselled pros is a negligible quantity now . times of link have souling the one's phrases into engular fragm with the soil at our beids satural Cartety. naturally, we are told. Properly ing, there is no such thing after a close study of the masters? 'natural style," Even Newman

is a lot of pompous advice emitted hourished his lonely soul on the lithe bone in fighting trim. But not practical everyday needs the eighten to

The curious are

ist's lectures. He warns against jarger humming of slow, uplifting prised Mr. Jourdan, who spoke